1	2	3
24	Rajasthan	258634
25	Sikkim	11944
26	Tamil Nadu	431010
27	Tripura	174835
28	Uttar Pradesh	1324028
29	Uttaranchal	53521
30	West Bengal	974479
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	17890
32	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	1926
33	Daman and Diu	787
34	Lakshadweep	190
35	Pondicherry	7778
	TOTAL	14833868

Funds allotted under Bharat Nirman

2556. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had proposed to connect all villages that have a population of 1000 or 500 in hilly/tribal areas with a road;

(b) whether Government had proposed a sum of approximately Rs. 48,000 crore to achieve the goals; and

(c) how much fund have been allotted in the first two years of Bharat Nirman, for the creation of rural roads against the proposed Rs. 48,000 crore by 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Funds allocated under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation including cess, assistance from World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB)
2005-06	4220.00
2006-07	5475.62

Requirement of rice under Annapurna Scheme in Kerala

2557. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of beneficiaries approved under Annapurna Scheme in Kerala;

(b) the quantity of rice required per month under the Scheme;

(c) the amount of rice presently allotted to the State under the Scheme;

(d) whether there is a shortage in the allocation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the steps taken to supply rice on the basis of physical target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Annapurna Scheme was launched from 1.4.2000 to provide food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who though eligible remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). Under the Annapurna Scheme, 10 Kg of foodgrains per month are being provided 'free of cost' to the beneficiary. At the time of launch of the scheme a numerical ceiling was fixed for the States/UTs. The numerical ceiling for the State of Kerala was then fixed at 44980 which meant a requirement of 450 MTs of foodgrains per month. From 2002-03, the Scheme was transferred to the State Plan and as per the new guidelines the State has been given flexibility to implement the three schemes of National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and Annapurna by deciding the inter scheme allocations as per the priority accorded by the State. Hence the Central Government releases combined allocation for the three schemes.